GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility has been provided to all the village panchayat in the country by the Government;

(b) if so, the number of Village Panchayats where telephone facility has not been provided so far particularly in Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide better telephone facility to the Village Panchayats?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. 35,525 Village Panchayats have not been provided with telecom facility in the country as on 1.11.2001. 28 64,564 and 543 Village Panchayats are still without telecom facility in Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan respectively. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c) New technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), CDOT TDMA/PMP and satellite are being inducted for covering remainin village panchayats. Faulty Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR) based village public telephones are planned to be replaced by new technology equipment subject to availability of funds.

ANNEXURE

VILLAGE PANCHAYATS WITHOUT TELECOM FACILITY IN BIHAR

DISTRICT VILLAGE PANNCHAYATS WITHOUT TELECOM FACILITY

E. CHAMPARAN 109
MUZAFFARPUR 10
SHEOHAR 4
SITAMARHI 11
W. CHAMPARAN 47
SARAN 250
SIWAN 380
GOPALGANJ 420
DARBHANGA 70
MADHUBANI 108
GAYA 28
AURANGABAD & JAHANABAD 75
ARWAL 25
NAWADA 32
BEGUSARAI 34
PATNA 557
NALANDA 527
ROHTAS 91
KAMUR 86

TOTAL 2864

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VILLAGE PANCHAYATS WITHOUT TELECOM FACILITY IN RAJASTHAN

DISTRICT VILLAGE PANCHAYATS WITHOUT TELECOM FACILITY

ALWAR 26
BANSWARA & DUNGARPUR 63
BARMER 02
BHARATPUR & DHOLPUR 46
BIKANER 05
BUNNDI 27
CHITORGARH 63
CHURU 03
JAISELMER 08
JAIPUR & DAUSA 104
JHALAWAR 08
JHODPUR 01
SAWAIMADHOPUR & KAROLI 96
SIKAR 09
SIROHI & JALORE 03
TONK 01
UDAIPUR & RAJSAMAND 78
TOTAL 543

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DISTRICT VILLAGE PANCHAYATS WITHOUT TELECOM FACILITY

ANANTNAG 110
BARAMULLA 94
BADGAM 62
KUPWARA 57
PULWAMA 59
SRINAGAR 34
KATHUA 18
UDHAMPUR 30
DODA 39
POONCH 03
LEH 30
KARGIL 28

TOTAL 564